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"SECOND-CLASS CITIZENSHIP"

An Address by Tom L. Popejoy
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There have been times in the last eighteen months when I thought that I was in the "doghouse" with your organization. For this reason I am very pleased to accept your invitation to speak here today. Maybe you are not so mad as I thought. In any event, your officers were good enough to give me the privilege of talking straight to you about any subject I chose to select.

Before I move into the main area of my talk, I want to indicate to all of you that the University has had many fine relations with Albuquerque units of the American Legion, as well as your state organization.

We joined recently with the Legion and other agencies in sponsoring the appearance of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke for the Memorial Day address in Albuquerque. He spoke at our new University Stadium, and our staff cooperated fully with the Legion in preparing the grounds and the stadium for the event. It was my pleasure to introduce Admiral Burke.

A few months before the Memorial Day exercises, the University sponsored the appearance of Mr. William C. Sullivan for an address on communism. Mr. Sullivan serves as Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's Assistant Director in Washington, D. C., and he is believed to be one of the most knowledgeable persons in the United States about the dangers of communism.

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Through the efforts of the American Legion, churches, public and private schools, other agencies, and the University community, we were able to attract more than 6,000 persons to Johnson Gymnasium on our campus to hear Mr. Sullivan. Incidentally, Mr. Sullivan made a fine speech. I wish every one of you had an opportunity to read what he had to say. A little later I will quote from one of his recent talks.

Adding to our continued interest in some of the programs of the Legion, we joined with the Carlisle-Bennet Post No. 13 in presenting to the citizens of Albuquerque its annual fireworks display on the third of July. The event took place in the University Stadium, and our staff, I am told, cooperated fully with Legion officers.

I mention these events to you to indicate that the University has wide interests. These actions on our part also indicate that we are anxious to preserve the tradition of freedom and the symbols of democracy which the Legion undertakes as a part of its total program.

I would like now to move to the central purposesof my address to you today. I want to talk to you about some other phases of the University of New Mexico in particular and also about other universities in general. In discussing this matter with you, I hope to throw some light on the position which the university system holds in America and in the democratic society which we cherish.

First may I give you a brief run-down on a few major statistics of the University of New Mexico. It was founded in 1889. From that date to the present it has grown into a major university. Last fall we had 8,030 students enrolled for credit courses. In 1960-61 the students